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Modernisation of Doordarshan
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to modernise Doordarshan;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) the extent to which the efficacy and quality of Doordarshan transmissions have improved as a result thereof; and
(d) the number of Doordarshan kendras set up in Rajasthan and Bihar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Modernisation/ Upgradation is a continuous endeavour of Doordarshan. Modernisation/ Upgradation plan covers a broad spectrum, which, inter alia, includes digitalization; adoption of new technologies at par with International standards; replacement of old ageing equipment and upgradation etc.
Following schemes of Modernisation/ Upgradation of Studios, Transmitters & Satellite Broadcast equipment have been approved in 12th Plan:
a. Digitalization of Transmitters and Studios in Doordarshan Network.
b. High Definition Television (HDTV).
c. Modernisation, Augmentation and Replacement of Transmitter & Studio equipment.
d. Modernisation, Augmentation and Replacement of Satellite Broadcast equipment.
State-wise details of major projects taken up for Modernisation of Doordarshan as part of 12th Plan Schemes are given in Annexure.

(c) With the induction of digital equipment, technical quality of Programme production & post production has improved. Replacement of old transmitters (LPT & HPT) have enhanced system reliability & performance quality including coverage. Digital transmission has enabled the viewers to receive multiple TV channels in their fixed/ mobile receiver sets with suitable additional hardware.

(d) Doordarshan Kendras (Studio centres) are functioning at Jaipur in Rajasthan and Patna & Muzaffarpur in Bihar.

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